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## CONESTOGA SPORTS SCHEDULES

Daily sports schedules for Conestoga High School athletic teams are available online at [www.digitalsports.com](http://www.digitalsports.com) by entering "Conestoga High School." Please contact the CHS Athletic Office, 610-240-1024, for additional information.

## Fall Schedule Change Reminders

Once School begins, students will attend their scheduled classes for the first several days of school. We will resume making changes on Tuesday, September 8 through September 15, 2015. Core level

## Pope Francis Visit Information

As many of you know, the entire Philadelphia area is preparing for the historic visit of Pope Francis to Philadelphia during this weekend of September 26. We have previously informed you that all school activities and use of District facilities are canceled between student dismissal on Friday, September 25 through the evening of Sunday, September 27. Schools closed early today as previously announced; CHS dismissed at 11:25 AM.

As a reminder, please note that on Monday, September 28, all schools will operate on a 2-hour delayed schedule. If any further adjustments are needed, we will communicate through the same methods use for weather emergencies, and the District website will be updated as appropriate. Thank you.

## PSAT Testing

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College Board has announced a new *SAT Suite of Assessments* to be launched this school year which will impact the Class of 2017 and beyond. College Board's Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) remains the most commonly utilized assessment for Conestoga students in the college admissions process. As a school, we value the experience the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) offers our students in preparing them for the SAT. This week a letter was mailed home to all families regarding the administration of PSATs which contained the following information:

- On **October 14<sup>th</sup>** Conestoga will administer the PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 8/9 from 7:20 - 10:20 to grades 9-11 followed by

changes can be made through December 23, the last school day prior to winter break. Request for specific teachers, periods and course sections will not be honored.

### Volunteers Needed (...but Clearances aren't!)

Parents play an active role in supporting the activities at Conestoga. We are grateful to the more than three hundred parents and community members who donated their time last year - some regularly and some on a one-time-only basis. As you may have heard, volunteer background clearances are not needed for the 2015-2016 school year. New amendments to the Child Protective Services Law (CPSL) enacted on July 1, 2015 have delayed implementation of the requirement for volunteer clearances until July 1, 2016.

Throughout the year, our volunteers help with clerical work, mailings, driving students, and supporting specific class projects and student activities.

Volunteers will be needed in September to assist with mailings, directory proofreading and sales, selling gym uniforms, and welcoming families new to the T/E School District. Please contact Jeanne Braun, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at [braunj@tesd.net](mailto:braunj@tesd.net) or at 610-240-1913, if you are interested in being involved in these or other activities at the high school.

Thank you for your ongoing interest in and support of Conestoga.

**CLASS PARENT**  
**ORGANIZATIONS**

- an abbreviated class schedule
- Seniors will have a 3-hour delay and should plan to arrive by 10:20
- 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders will take the PSAT/NMSQT
- 9<sup>th</sup> graders will take the PSAT 8/9 but may opt to take the PSAT/NMSQT by notifying their counselor
- All costs are covered by the district
- College Board does not offer a make-up day for any absent students
- Counselors visited homerooms last week to share information with 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders
- For additional information:  
<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/>

We are pleased to offer this opportunity to further support college readiness and assist students to achieve their personal best. Please contact any of our guidance counselors with questions regarding the new *SAT Suite of Assessments* or PSAT administration.

## Homecoming 2015

With the arrival of Fall, we eagerly anticipate our annual Homecoming Weekend on Friday, October 2nd and Saturday, October 3rd. Activities scheduled for the weekend include:

- Homecoming Pep Rally - Friday, October 2 - 1PM
- Homecoming Football Game vs. Harriton - Friday, October 2 - 7PM
- Homecoming Dance - Saturday, October 3 - 7:30 - 10:30 @CHS

Students must arrive by 8:30PM. Guest passes are required for any non-CHS student. Passes are available in the Main Office. It is our expectation that students will conduct themselves appropriately and show good judgment throughout all events. All school rules will be in effect, as is the case with school sponsored activities. Additionally, administrators will be visiting homerooms in the coming weeks to discuss appropriate decorum and expectations with the students.

We encourage you to consider the following suggestions to ensure a successful homecoming weekend.

- Communicate clear expectations to your son/daughter.
- Help your son/daughter make the right choices by giving him/her clear, uncompromising messages that discourage drinking alcohol and the use of drugs.
- Communicate with the parents of your child's date. Get his/her phone number in case of an emergency.
- Network with other parents on safe and appropriate pre-and post dance activities.

Homecoming is an exciting experience for our students. With your

## Class of 2016

Senior Class Parent Meeting: 10/13/15  
at 9:30 AM in Room 142

## Class of 2017

Junior Class Parent Meeting: 10/15/15 at 9:30 AM in Room 142

## Class of 2018

Sophomore Class Parent Meeting: 10/20/15 at 9:30 AM in Room 142

## Class of 2019

Freshman Class Parent Meeting: 10/22/15 at 9:30 AM in Room 142

## NCAA and Student Athletes

Students athletes considering playing collegiate sports should familiarize themselves with NCAA course requirements. Students are encouraged to speak with their assigned counselor to discuss further and visit the [NCAA Eligibility Center website](#).



support of our efforts to provide a positive, safe environment, we are confident that our students will have a memorable and enjoyable experience.

## Volunteers Needed for Homecoming 2015

October 3, 2015

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE HOMECOMING DANCE, OCT 3<sup>rd</sup>! Each year, we rely on parent volunteers to work at the Coat Check and the Refreshment Area (parents do not chaperone the dance). Thank you for considering this opportunity - we are so grateful for our volunteers. Please contact Jeanne Braun at [braunj@tesd.net](mailto:braunj@tesd.net) or 610-240-1913 if you able to help out.

## Emergency Cards

The **Green Emergency Medical Information Card** was mailed home. It is important for the school nurse to have this card on file for each student. If you have not already done so, please return the completed card to the school nurse **as soon as possible**.

Remember to fill out **both** sides of the card. If there are any changes in emergency information during the school year, please notify the nurse with an update.

## College Fair at Conestoga

Attention Junior and Seniors....Please save the date! Conestoga's first-ever college fair will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:00 pm in the gyms. We look forward to welcoming almost 100 colleges and universities to our school. This is a great opportunity for you to meet with many college admissions representatives all at one time. Students with an 8th period class must receive teacher permission to miss class or plan to attend after school.

For a list of colleges attending, please refer to Naviance or to the list outside of Student Services.

Interested sophomores are also welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Class of 2016 Updates

**Senior Parent Meeting:** will be held on Tuesday, 10/13 at 9:30 am in Room 142. This meetings will focus on the events throughout the year specific to the Senior Class, and we will hear from the Principal and Student Services.

**Senior portraits** will be taken October 3 and 10 by Prestige by Lifetouch Studio.

No other dates will be scheduled at CHS. Appointment cards were mailed to your home. To contact the studio, log on to <http://www.ouryear.com/> school code 87046 or call 1-800-OUR-YEAR™ (687-9327). This is a free photo sitting from which you will get to choose your Yearbook Photo. There is only additional cost for more than the basic photos being taken and for photos being ordered to share with family and friends

**Parent Pride Ad Information for Yearbook:** Information to place an ad in the yearbook was mailed home to parents of seniors in the annual school summer mailing. Ad submissions will be due October 9. Ads may be submitted on line by visiting <http://www.stogayearbook.com>.

## MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### ***School Counselor Assignments***

Student Services Center assignments for 2015-2016 are as follows:

Guidance Counselor	Class of 2019 & Beyond	Classes of 2016-18
<u>Laureen McGloin</u>	A-Bro	A-Br
<u>Rachelle Gough</u>	Bru-Dh	Bu-Dh
<u>Katherine Corkhill</u>	Di-Gr	Di-Gai
<u>Brian Samson</u>	Gu-Ke	Gal-Ja
<u>Melissa Boltz</u>	Kh-Ma	Je-L
<u>Jennifer Kratsa</u>	Mc-N	M-Na
<u>Dan McDermott</u>	O-R	Ne-R
<u>Leashia Lewis / Christine Baumann</u>	S-T	S-Te
<u>Megan Smyth</u>	U-Z	Th-Z

Mental Health Specialist	Student Last Name
<u>Dr. Christine Dunleavy</u>	A-L
<u>Mrs. Melissa Salzberg</u>	M-Z

The Student Services Center encompasses a wide variety of services designed to assist students in their academic, career and personal/social development. Information on counselor assignments was mailed to each family over the summer. In addition to guiding students through the course selection process, school counselors provide assistance with self-awareness, educational planning, interpretation of test scores, occupational information, home, school and/or social concerns, or any matter the students feel is significant. Up-to-date printed information, software, and audiovisual aids are available in the center to assist

students with decision-making, and college and career selection. The Student Services Center resources are available for student use from 7:00AM to 3:30PM Monday through Friday.



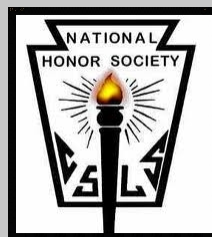
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## NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY

### Plans Induction

November 10, 2015



The Conestoga Chapter of the National Honor Society will hold its annual induction ceremony on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 7:00PM in the Auditorium. As specified by its national charter, NHS members are chosen on the basis of scholarship, service, leadership and character. They participate in various service projects in school and in the community.

Students who have completed at least one full semester at CHS by the end of their sophomore or junior year are considered for membership. For the Classes of 2016 and 2017, a cumulative weighted GPA of 4.70 or higher is required for eligibility. Students who have achieved this GPA will receive letters inviting them to complete activity forms. Candidates are reviewed by a five-member faculty council on the basis of the four factors noted above. Students who meet the criteria of the organization are invited to attend the ceremony and become members of the NHS. Following induction, members of NHS are required to uphold the highest standards of character, leadership, service, and academic achievement. They are also required to attend monthly meetings and participate in service projects. Parents with questions should contact Melissa Boltz, Guidance Counselor and NHS Advisor, at [boltzm@tesd.net](mailto:boltzm@tesd.net).

## Report Cards & Progress Reports

First marking period progress reports will be mailed home during the week of October 5, 2015. The first marking period will end on Friday, November 6, 2015. Consult the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District online calendar at [www.tesd.net](http://www.tesd.net) for further information on marking periods ending dates.



# Staff Tributes

Do you want to thank a teacher who made a difference or thank the teachers who wrote your child's college recommendation letters? Honoring your favorite teacher, counselor, or administrator has never been easier! FLITE's Staff Tributes are a wonderful way for parents to recognized the extraordinary effort of T/E's faculty and staff. By making this tax-deductible donation to FLITE, you can thank the dedicated individuals who have supported and encouraged your children throughout the school year. Honorees will receive a personalized card notifying them of your donation.

[FLITE Staff Tributes can be made online now!](#)

## Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
District Wide 2 Hour Delay	9/28/2015	9:20AM	CHS
Tri-M Induction	9/30/2015	9:00AM	Auditorium
ADL Training	10/2/2015	7:20AM	Room 268
SAT Testing	10/3/2015	8:00AM	CHS
Senior Portraits	10/3/2015	9:00AM	FDR
Homecoming Dance	10/3/2015	7:30PM	CHS Gyms
NAHS Induction Night	10/7/2015	6:00PM	Library
National Merit Breakfast	10/9/2015	9:00AM	Auditorium
ADL Training	10/9/2015	7:20AM	Room 268

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